



SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

PARIS RIDGE ELEMENTARY



Paris Ridge Families,

We had another fantastic week at Paris Ridge! Our focus on kindness continues, and this week students discussed how kindness is like a ripple of water—when we are kind to others, it spreads far beyond what we can see. It has been wonderful to watch students practice and reflect on how small actions can make a big difference. We also want to thank everyone who came out for our PTO Community Meeting last night. Families had the chance to hear about our yearly budget and upcoming events, while students enjoyed fun activities with several Caledonia High School football players and cheerleaders!

A quick reminder that we have just two more weeks to collect funds for our big school fundraiser—Walk the Ridge! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$19,000, and your support helps us do so much for our students and staff. On Thursday, October 3rd, we'll celebrate with our actual Walk the Ridge event—Kindergarten through 2nd grade will walk at 2:00 p.m., and 3rd and 4th graders will walk at 2:40 p.m. This will be a great afternoon for our school community (parents are encouraged to join!) and coincides with Calapalooza the same day. We can't wait to celebrate together!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Lance Jones
Principal

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SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 3

Monday

**Pajama/
Comfy Day**

Tuesday

**MiSmATCh
Day**

Wednesday

Sporty Day
(Jersey, Number,
or Sports Wear)

Thursday

**cRAzy Hair
Day**

Friday

**Purple &
Gold Day**



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From The PTO

Walk the Ridge Info!

We are sooooo close to meeting our fundraising goal! THANK YOU! Let's keep that momentum going so we can go above and beyond for our teachers! The last few years, we've been able to offer mini-grants to our teaching staff for all of those "extras" that they would like for their classrooms. Those funds were all used up. BUT, we are hoping to be able to offer mini-grants again if we bring in extra funds with Walk the Ridge!

As an added incentive, we are excited to announce that we will be awarding the class who raises the most funds per student with an ice cream party!

If you have any questions about Walk the Ridge, please reach out to us at parisridgePTO@calschools.org.

Walk the Ridge will take place on Friday, October 3rd with K-2 walking from 2:00-2:30 and 3rd-4th walking from 2:40-3:10, so make sure to put that date on your calendar!

PTO Email List and Classroom Directories

If you haven't already done so, please complete the [PTO Google Form](#) for the 2025-2026 email list (yes, it's a new list each year!). This year, you can also opt in to receive a classroom directory (only families who opt in will be listed)!

Join Paris Ridge Families on Facebook!

Please join [our community facebook group](#) for discussion about school events and activities, questions with answers, and photo sharing, as well as PTO updates!

Box Tops for Education App

Please take a minute to download the Box Tops for Education App and select Paris Ridge as your school! This is an easy way for our school to earn extra money throughout the year! Just scan your receipt (paper or digital) each time you shop and any eligible Box Top items will be automatically counted!

If you have not yet downloaded the app, remember to use the referral code DSFK1ZVD...using this code instantly earns our school \$5!

Wednesday Snacks for Staff!

We love to be able to show our staff appreciation and one way to do that is by showering them with fun treats and drinks on Wednesdays during the school year! If your family would like to sign up to provide a treat/drink, you can sign up here: [Wednesday Staff Appreciation Snacks 2025-2026](#)

We Are a Hand2Hand School



A free weekend food opportunity for kids!

Hand2Hand Permission Slip 2025-2026 school year



Scan with your phone
camera to sign up

School Meals Update



As of now, the State of Michigan has not finalized its budget, and discussions continue in Lansing. **At this time, we can confirm that breakfast and lunch will be free for all students through September 30, 2025.**

Once the state budget is approved, we will share updates with families. If the statewide "Free for All" program does not continue, schools will return to the Free and Reduced Meal Program that was in place prior to 2023. To qualify for those benefits, families must complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application.

The Federal Free/Reduced Meal Application determines the amount of federal funding for the district, impacting **ALL students**.

\$ It's more than just free meals...

Why Apply?

- **Extra Funding:** Supports your child's school and programs.
- **Fee Discounts:** Save on college applications, tests (SAT/ACT/AP), credit recovery, and Chromebook Care Plans.
- **Athletics:** Reduced fees for pay-to-participate sports.
- **Tech Access:** Boosts funding for technology and internet access.



It's Easy to Apply!

Visit caledonia.familyportal.cloud or call our Food Service Department at 616-891-0227 for assistance.

Even if meals are free, submitting the application helps **ALL students** in our district.

Let's work together to make the most of this opportunity!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Meal Prices

Breakfast will be free for all students through September 30, 2025

Serving Times

High School North/South - 7:00 AM

Duncan Lake MS - 7:00 AM

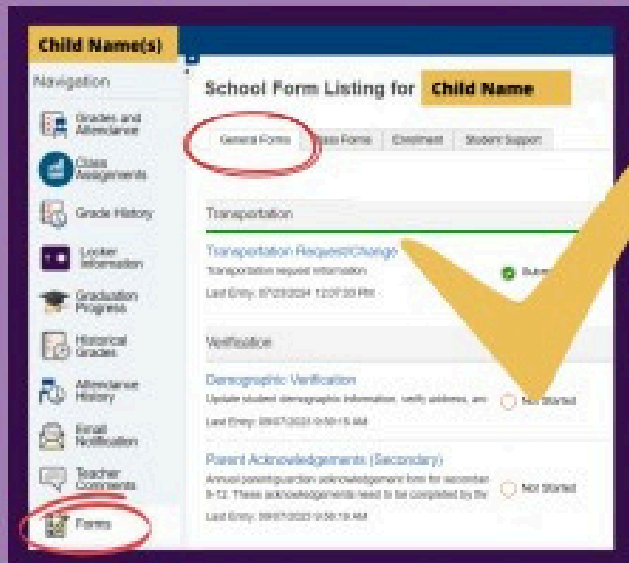
Kraft Intermediate - 7:00 AM

All Elementary Schools - 8:30 AM

Location: Breakfast is served in all cafeterias

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT
The Student Breakfast Program is available to all students every weekday morning. School breakfast makes good sense - it provides 25% of your child's daily nutritional needs and meets dietary guidelines and recommendations. This year, we are also switching back to real Uncrustables (rather than the soy-butter sandwiches), giving students a familiar and well-loved option to start their day.

PowerSchool Forms



Be sure to complete your forms online today.

As we begin the new school year, we ask all families to go into PowerSchool to update their forms. These include parent acknowledgements, student demographic information, photo releases, and more. Keeping this information current helps us serve your student and stay connected throughout the year.

Buildings can help reset passwords if needed.

District Code: GHDL
Deadline: September 30

Need Help?



www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/

Chromebook Coverage

Caledonia Community Schools is offering the optional but highly recommended ChromeCare Plan for all district-issued Chromebooks for the 2025–26 school year. **The purchase window is open now through September 20.**

Families who do not opt in will be responsible for all repair or replacement costs. For payment directions, repair cost details, and information about the Student Chromebook Initiative, go to our [website](#) for more information.



ChromeCare Insurance for district provided devices is **\$20***

*Discounted pricing is available for families who qualify for free or reduced meals, as well as a family maximum rate for larger families.

Questions? Contact the Tech Office at helpdesk@calschools.org

www.calschools.org/departments/technology/student-chromebook-initiative/

Apps to Keep You Connected

MyRide App!

- Download the My Ride App
- Create an Account, Select CCS, and add your student(s)
- View bus stop locations, routes, and pickup times
- Receive real-time updates on bus arrivals

🔗 www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/

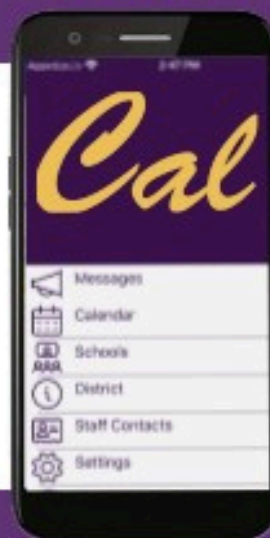


Download the
APP today!

CCS App!

- Access school news, calendars, and extracurricular updates
- Receive notifications from district or school(s) you follow
- Works on iPhone, iPad, Android, Chromebook, or web
- Subscribe for text/email updates if you don't have a smartphone

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Community Events & Flyers

Visit the [Community Events & Flyers page](#) to stay connected with happenings in Caledonia and view community flyers!

- **Community Flyers** are submitted by local non-profits and youth organizations, and are published by CCS after review
- **Submit a flyer** via the district's Google Form (allow at least 5 business days)
- **Subscribe to notifications** via the CCS app (follow "Community") or the website RSS feed

Our amazing community provides opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Stay connected through our apps and website to ensure your family never misses an update.

